



Edison Elementary

“Educating Students for a Bright Future”

MRS. BETSY PORTER, PRINCIPAL

MAY 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER

5/5 **Family Council**
5pm-5:45pm

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Congratulations to Mrs. Neil, Second Grade Teacher, she received the Golden Ruler Award for Edison last school year. Because of the pandemic, they celebrated this year. We appreciate all her support and dedication to our staff and students over the years.

Congratulations to Mrs. Owens, Secretary, she received the Golden Ruler Award for Edison this school year. We appreciate her support to our staff, students, and families.

5/10 **Asynchronous Day**

Please call the school at 217-444-3350 if you can attend the Family Council Meeting on May 5th at 5:00. We will send you an invite for our virtual meeting.

Please continue to support your child as we finish strong this 4th quarter. We want all our students to make the best of the time we have left!

5/12 **Progress Reports go home**

As the school year comes to a close, I would like to thank students, parents, staff and all those that have supported Edison this past school year. We appreciate all that you have provided to the students and staff at Edison.

Please call if you have any questions or concerns.

5/24 **Asynchronous Day**

FROM THE SOCIAL WORKER

As we approach the end of the year, please remember to keep up your child's attendance. Due to remote learning and other unknowns, your children need as much exposure to school as possible to be ready for the next grade. Vacations, celebrations, and family time together are so important but please do not forget that several missed school days here or there add up.

5/31 **No School- Memorial Day**

Did you know...

Missing just 2 days of school per month has been shown to negatively impact a student's academic performance.

By the end of 3rd grade, poor attendance can influence how a student reads and increases chances a student will be held back.

By 6th grade, poor attendance is the leading sign that a student will go on to drop out.

6/11 **Last day of school**

PreK-4th

Nine or more unexcused absences during the year qualifies your student as being truant. If your child has been struggling with attendance, you will have received a letter in the mail or contact from the principal or social worker. Please contact the school if you have questions about the district's attendance policy. We want our students here at school & equipped to move on to the next grade.

Ms. Fairbanks, School Social Worker

PRE-K

Pre-K welcomed Spring this past month by learning about weather, rain, sunshine and clouds. We are currently in the middle of a unit on "Music." We are learning about singing, dancing, and instruments. Students are getting a chance to play instruments and experiment with many varieties of music. Our next unit will be on "vehicles and transportation." The K-Bound students are working hard to get ready for Kindergarten in the fall. We are so happy that the weather is warming up and we get to go outside a little bit to play!

Mrs. Bateman, Mrs. Houpt & Mrs. Owen

KINDERGARTEN

Please continue to practice addition and subtraction facts, reading sight words, and blending words. Please practice the sight word flashcards every night!! These are very important skills to help prepare for first grade!

Even though it is May, we still need the children coming to school, to bring their book bags, and folders every day. Please continue to check your child's folder each night.

Thank you for all your help and support in getting the best education possible for your child!

Mrs. Strader & Mrs. Tutwiler

FIRST GRADE

First graders are continuing to practice reading and spelling long vowel words and will be learning to read and spell r-controlled vowel words in May to help us become more fluent readers. In math, we are still working on fluency in addition and subtraction facts to 10. We will focus on Measurement and Data, Time, and Geometry throughout the month of May! Students should be completing their asynchronous work daily - please remember that this includes practicing high frequency words, spelling words, and math facts every day! Students need to continue to bring their yellow homework folder and tablets with them fully charged to school every day. We are proud of our first graders who have worked so hard this year and are finishing the year by continuing to work so hard!

Mrs. Crane & Mrs. Strawser

SECOND GRADE

It's May! We still have many things to accomplish before the end of the school year. In Reading, we will be learning about the States of Matter. It should be an interesting Science Unit. We are still working on addition and subtraction in Math as well as telling time. Remember to study Spelling words every night.

The weather is getting nicer, however there is much schoolwork to do. Students should be spending 2 hours outside of class time on schoolwork. This includes math facts, handwriting, independent reading, packets and Zearn.

Let's finish the year strong!

Mrs. Waterman & Mr. Rogers

THIRD GRADE

We can't believe May and June are already in sight. We will continue working on fractions and sharpening our multiplication and division facts throughout the next month. Please remind your child to practice their multiplication facts daily. We strongly encourage a daily 10-15-minute practice time even throughout the summer. Our hope is that when long division is introduced in fourth grade that your child will feel comfortable because they will have their facts mastered.

In reading, we'll continue to work on building our comprehension and fluency skills. It helps if students are encouraged to read aloud at home daily to a grown up as well. We'll still be working on finding the main ideas and key details, answering questions in complete sentences, using text features to guide our reading, and much more.

We want to thank you for sticking with us through all this uncharted territory this year. Without great families at home to support and encourage their child through remote learning and shortened days we couldn't have done it. Your positive talk about school, support of us, and high expectations are the key to your child's success. Let's finish this year with that same accountability and encouragement. We appreciate you and we love teaching your children.

Mrs. Moore & Mrs. Boothe

FOURTH GRADE

Summer is coming! Don't Stop Learning!

Math is all around us! How can a parent help? If you go to a store or drive thru, have your child tell you how much change you will get back. This helps with counting up, mental math, addition and subtraction skills. Building something, have your child figure out the perimeter or area. Going to the store, have your child round up the price and add mentally until the end of the trip. Cooking, this is the best way to understand fractions. Have them help with the recipe but only give them one measuring cup. They will be a pro at adding fractions. Math is all around us!

Make sure your child is still reading through the summer! I am a firm believer that any reading is practicing reading. Comic books, sports magazines, newspapers or books are great ways to encourage reading. While you are in the store shopping, have your child sound out long words to help with reading skills. After watching a tv show, have your child retell the episode. This helps build comprehension skills. The biggest loss a child has in learning is through the summer. Find ways to continue learning!

Mrs. Lewis

MUSIC

It's hard to believe we are getting close to the end of the year! Our students will have the opportunity to watch a virtual orchestra performance of Peter and the Wolf early in May thanks to the Danville Symphony Orchestra! Beyond that our PreK-1st grade classes are continuing to sing and dance with more new songs, while our older students are learning to decode, write, and play music on physical and virtual xylophones! As a whole school we will be ending the year with one more music bracket. This one includes the categories TV Theme Songs, Local College Fight Songs, Danville Greats, and Rap/Hip Hop! Please remind your student(s) to do their Google Classroom activities each Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday so they can vote! I have truly enjoyed the privilege of working with your students this year and look forward to seeing them again next year!

Mrs. Sutton



Health Requirements for School Year 2021-2022

Student Health Requirements:

Parents of all incoming Kindergarten students for 2021-2022 school year: Please make your appointments early with providers to complete up to date physicals and vaccinations.

Pre-K and Kindergarten:

These students **MUST** have an Illinois school physical and up to date immunizations. Until completed, students will not be able to attend school.

Proof of the following is required **BEFORE** a student may start school:

- ◆ Illinois Physical Exam
- ◆ Lead screening
- ◆ Vision exam by Optometrist- Kindergarten and students new to IL schools
- ◆ Up-to-date Immunization

Darcey Deffenbaugh, School Nurse